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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131(a)

Dear Sir:

We, Il Hwan CHO, Myeong Yun CHAE, Young HOON, Kyu Jeong YEON, Chun Seon I.YU, Jong Hoon KIM, Sung Hak JUNG, Sang Wook PARK, Hyung Chul RYU, Ji Young NOH, Hyun Jung PARK, Jie Eun PARK, and Young Mee CHUNG, applicants for the above-identified patent application, declare as follows:

1. We are inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application.
2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy of an English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-0070450 (the "'450 Korean application"), which is the corresponding Korean application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/580,454 (the "present application"). We are the inventors of both the '450 Korean application and the present application. The '450 Korean application was prepared and filed before the Korean Intellectual Property Office prior to June, 2003.

3. On a date prior to June, 2003, as evidenced by Exhibit A, we conceived and reduced to practice the invention claimed in the present application.

4. The '450 Korean application describes and claims the thione derivatives or their non-toxic salts as claimed in claims 1-3 of the present application. More specifically, Examples 1-82 of the '450 Korean Application describes how the claimed thione derivatives, which are fully commensurate with the scope of claims 1-3, were synthesized and tested to confirm the production of the derivatives. These descriptions establish that the thione derivatives were actually reduced to practice prior to June 1, 2003.

5. The declarants further state that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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